

## FACTSHEET

### REAPPORTIONMENT Election of Senators

An amendment to Article IV, Sections 7 and 8, Hawaii State Constitution, was ratified by the electorate on November 7, 2000.

#### **ELECTION OF SENATORS AFTER REAPPORTIONMENT - Section 7**

The term of office of all Senators shall end at the general election at which an apportionment plan becomes effective.

The number of Senators in a senatorial district and the staggered terms of Senators in each district shall be recomputed by the Reapportionment Commission.

#### **STAGGERED TERMS FOR THE SENATE - Section 8**

The State Constitution requires the Reapportionment Commission, as part of the reapportionment plan, to assign two-year terms to twelve senate seats to be filled in the election immediately following adoption of the reapportionment plan, and to assign four-year terms to the remaining thirteen senate seats.

The Commission is to assign the two-year terms to senate seats in a way such that the resident population of each senate district has no more than two regular senate elections for a particular senate seat within the six-year period beginning in the even numbered year prior to the reapportionment year.

The 2001 Reapportionment Commission determined the percentage of population in each new senate district that had a senate election in the year 2000 and identified the twelve new senate district seats with the smallest percentage of population that had a Senate election in the year 2000. Those twelve new senate districts were designated by the Commission to have two-year terms in the 2002 Election.

Pursuant to Article IV, Sections 7 and 8, Hawaii State Constitution, the Reapportionment Commission determined that the twelve senate district seats that will have two-year Senate terms in the 2002 Election are:

Hawaii:	Senate Districts 1 and 3
Maui:	Senate Districts 5 and 6
Kauai:	Senate District 7
Oahu:	Senate Districts 12, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 23.

The thirteen remaining district seats that will have four-year Senate terms in the 2002 Election are:

Hawaii: Senate District 2

Maui: Senate District 4

Kauai: None

Oahu: Senate Districts 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, and 25.

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